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E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH JIDDA THAT FULL USG/SAG EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HORN OF AFRICA WOULD BE TIMELY AND USEFUL.
2. OUR ARAB DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS TALK FREELY OF APPARENTLY GROWING STRAIN IN SOMALI/SOVIET RELATIONS AND SAY THEIR GOVERNMENTS ARE ONLY WAITING FOR RIGHT MOMENT TO MOVE IN WITH REAL RESOURCES GIVING GSDR THE NON-SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY OPTION IT WANTS. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, WE DETECT NO CONCERTED ARAB MOVE AND OUR CONTACTS DIFFER ON TIMING AND FORM OF ARAB INITIATIVES. SAUDI DIPLOMATS HAVE GENERALLY TAKEN HARD LINE "IT'S-UP-TO-THEM-TO-COME-TO-US" VIEW OF THINGS.

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3. THEREFORE, WE WOULD HOPE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WOULD FOCUS ON SAG'S ANALYSIS OF CURRENT SITUATION, WHAT IT HAS BEEN DOING UP TO NOW TO WOO GSDR, WHAT IT WOULD PLAN TO DO IF SAUDIS' BELIEVED GSDR SENTIMENT WAS MOVING STRONGLY AGAINST SOVIETS AND WHAT USG AND SAG COULD DO TOGETHER IN THAT SITUATION.
4. USG SHOULD ALSO MAKE POINT THAT PRIMARY ROLE IN PROVIDING

GSDR WITH NON-SOVIET OPTION RESTS WITH SAG. USG CAN SUPPLY DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT AND SMALL AID RESOURCES BUT IT REALISTICALLY CANNOT FILL ALL OF GSDR'S REQUIREMENTS. MOREOVER, IT WOULD BE LESS ACCEPTABLE AS BIG BROTHER TO GSDR THAN SAG BECAUSE OF ITS GREAT POWER, NON-ISLAMIC STATUS. IF SAG IS WAITING FOR OTHERS TO TAKE LEAD, THEREFORE, IT COULD LOSE OPPORTUNITY WHICH APPARENTLY IS DEVELOPING. SIMILARLY, SAG COULD LOSE OUT IF IT WAITS FOR RADICAL REORIENTATION GSDR POLICY, I.E., EXPULSION OF SOVIETS, AND DISMISSES SMALL STEPS THAT GSDR WILL FIND EASIER TO TAKE IN AN EVOLUTIONARY SITUATION. GSDR SHOULD BE REWARDED FOR SMALL STEPS AND THEREBY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE BIGGER ONES. OUR EXPERIENCE LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT GSDR WILL NOT BE STAMPEDED, EVEN WHILE RE-EXAMINING RELIABILITY OF ITS BEST FRIENDS.

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